



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of  
number.

2005 JAN 12 2006

MODIFIED PTO/SB/08 (08-00)  
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Send to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control

Substitute for form 14498 PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

Date Submitted: January 12, 2004

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

1

1

10

**Complete if Known**

<b>Application Number</b>	09/884,940
<b>Filing Date</b>	06/21/2001
<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Tomihiko AZUMA
<b>Group Art Unit</b>	2163
<b>Examiner Name</b>	Unassigned

Attorney Docket Number 029471-0152

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY		
		Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)				
R	A1	6,169,787		SHIMADA et al.	01/02/2001		

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Documents	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Office <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
TC	A2	JP	8-96056			04/12/1996		ABS
TC	A3	JP	10-21305			01/23/1998		ABS
✓	A4	JP	10-116249			05/06/1998		ABS
	A5	JP	11-3383			01/06/1999		ABS
	A6	JP	11-353399			12/24/1999		ABS

## NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

12/1/05

**\*EXAMINER:** Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup>See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

<sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

**Burden Hour Statement:** This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.